



Nevada State Board of Medical Examiners

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OPEN SESSION EMERGENCY TELEPHONE CONFERENCE CALL BOARD MEETING

Board Office Conference Room
1105 Terminal Way, Suite 301, Reno, NV 89502

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 19, 2008 – 12:00 noon

Board Members Present at Board Office

Cindy Lamerson, M.D.

Board Members Present by Telephone

Donald H. Baepler, Ph.D., D.Sc., Secretary-Treasurer

Jean Stoess, M.A.

Benjamin J. Rodriguez, M.D.

Renee West

Board Members Absent/Not Participating

Javaid Anwar, M.D., President

Sohail U. Anjum, M.D., Vice President

Charles N. Held, M.D.

S. Daniel McBride, M.D.

Staff Present at Board Office

Drennan A. Clark, Executive Director/Special Counsel

Laurie L. Munson, Deputy Executive Director/

Information Systems Administrator/Chief of Administration

Edward O. Cousineau, J.D., Deputy General Counsel

Lyn E. Beggs, J.D., Deputy General Counsel

Douglas C. Cooper, Chief of Investigations

Lynnette L. Daniels, Chief of Licensing

Jerry C. Calvanese, M.D., Medical Reviewer

Pamela J. Castagnola, Deputy Chief of Investigations

Heather L. Higgins, Investigator

Monica C. Gustafson, Investigator

Pamela C. Gabica, Administrative Assistant-Investigations

Johnna S. LaRue, Administrative Assistant-Investigations

Also Present by Telephone

Christine M. Guerri-Nyhus, J.D., Chief Deputy Attorney General

ROLL CALL

The AT&T telephone conference call operator took roll call of those participating by telephone.

The meeting was called to order at 12:00 noon.

Mr. Clark stated the meeting had been convened pursuant to NRS 241.020(8).

Agenda Item 1

CALL TO ORDER AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Roll Call/Quorum
- Donald H. Baepler, Ph.D., D.Sc., Secretary-Treasurer

Mr. Clark stated there was a quorum, as Dr. Lamerson was present in the Board office and the other participating Board members were present by phone. He stated the three Board members who had recused themselves from consideration of any matter concerning the Endoscopy Center of Southern Nevada were not notified of the meeting and would not be participating in the meeting.

Laurie Munson took roll call, and the following Board members were present: Dr. Baepler, Dr. Lamerson, Dr. Rodriguez, Ms. Stoess and Ms. West.

Mr. Clark then named staff members present in the Board office conference room in Reno.

Agenda Item 2

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ELECTION OF BOARD CHAIR FOR MATTERS CONCERNING THE INVESTIGATION SURROUNDING THE ENDOSCOPY CENTER OF SOUTHERN NEVADA, AND OTHER RELATED MATTERS

Mr. Clark stated he had been receiving instructions from Dr. Anwar, as President of the Board, as to how to proceed with the investigation and concerning other matters pertaining to the Endoscopy Center of Southern Nevada. Dr. Anwar and Dr. Anjum then recused themselves from consideration of any matter concerning the Endoscopy Center of Southern Nevada, leaving Dr. Baepler as the only remaining officer of the Board who could participate in those matters. Mr. Clark called the meeting for the Board to designate the Board Member with whom he should now communicate with on a regular basis concerning these matters because he was concerned that Dr. Baepler's health may impede his acting in that capacity. Dr. Baepler has advised he is up to the task and is willing to undertake the responsibility.

Dr. Baepler updated the Board as to his current health status and stated he would have no problem acting in the capacity as Acting Chairman for those issues before the Board that pertain to the Endoscopy Center of Southern Nevada investigation and related matters.

Ms. Stoess moved that Dr. Baepler be appointed as the acting Chairman for issues concerning the Endoscopy Center and other related matters. Dr. Lamerson seconded the motion

Mr. Cooper added that the matters Dr. Baepler would be handling as acting Chairman are those matters other than those that would not go to the Investigative Committee, which is overseeing the investigation.

Ms. Guerci-Nyhus clarified that the matters which Dr. Baepler would be handling are those matters on which the Board President would typically be consulted.

A vote was taken on the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Agenda Item 3

PUBLIC COMMENT

No members of the public were present to comment.

ADJOURNMENT

Dr. Lamerson moved to adjourn the meeting. Ms. West seconded the motion, and it passed. Dr. Baepler adjourned the meeting at 12:10 p.m.